## MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS

### OFFICE OF THE PUBLICITY OFFICER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE, BANGALORE.

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DEFECTIVE LIGHTING AND POWER INSTALLATIONS.

The following note received from the Chief Electrical Engineer to the Government of Mysore is published for general information and guidance :—

"Defects in electric lighting and power installations have recently become of common occurrence and the attention of the consumers is invited to Rule 99 of the Wiring Rules of the Electrical Department which requires periodical inspections and testing of electric installations by competent Electrical Contractors and Inspectors. For the information of the consumers Rule 99 is quoted *in extenso* as follows :—

INSPECTION.

*Rule* 99.—The value of systematically inspecting and testing fuses, apparatus and circuits cannot be too strongly urged. Records should be kept of all tests, so that any gradual deterioration of the system may be detected. Cleanliness of all parts and fittings is essential.

"Defects in consumers' installations generally cause excessive consumptions and frequently cause interruptions not only to the consumer whose installation is defective but to many other consumers supplied from the same circuits and feeders and sometimes cause serious accidents to human beings and occasionally start fires in the buildings.

"The excessive consumptions caused by these defective installations are due to no fault of the Electrical Department and therefore no rebates will be allowed on this account in the future, that is, the consumers will have to pay for the energy consumed as recorded by the meters when the meters are found to be correct.

"Consumers should arrange to have their installations tested annually by competent Licensed Electrical Contractors and all defects rectified at once, otherwise the service thereto will be disconnected. Electric Lighting and Power Installations should be taken care of by their owners to the same extent as their other property is cared for and to make expert assistance readily available, Government instituted many years ago the system of licensing Electrical Contractors who have organized themselves into an Institution known as 'The Licensed Electrical Contractors' Association'. The members of this Association are fully qualified to test Lighting and Power Installations and to repair any defects.

"Consumers are requested to obtain a certificate from the Licensed Electrical Contractor whom they may engage for testing and putting in good order their installations. The Licensed Electrical Contractors' Association is notified that their members, after testing an installation, should give the owner a written certificate and that they should record on the consumer's meter card, that the installation is in safe condition. The certificate will be a prime requisite when considering whether or not a rebate will be allowed in cases of excessive consumptions caused by defects in installations.

"It is emphasised that consumers will be responsible for injury to human life, damage to property and for excess consumption caused by defects in their installation which could have been located and remedied by Licensed Electrical Contractors and Electrical Inspectors."

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### DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE, LAL-BAGH, BANGALORE.

*Abstract Notification dated* 16*th February* 1937.

The attention of the public is invited to the Notification published in page 195 of Part VI of the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 11th February 1937, regarding the Importation of Fruit plants from Australia. Those who desire to order for plants are requested to apply to the undersigned before the end of March 1937.

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